



# **TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

## **Application Review and Continuing Education Committee**

(Prescott, Hallmark, Krenz-Doe)

February 4, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

333 Guadalupe Street – Room 1250A, Tower I

Austin, Texas 78701

### **MINUTES**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Members present were Committee Chair W. David Prescott, II, P.G., Board Chairman C. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., Kelly Krenz-Doe, P.G. Member Joseph P. DeWoody was absent.
- B. The minutes from the October 15, 2015 committee meeting was approved as written.
- C. Committee Chair W. David Prescott acknowledged that Dr. Chris Mathewson was present as a public member representing TEEEX Environmental Training. Dr. Mathewson gave an overview of the coursework training provided and asks that the Committee consider the training as equivalent coursework of the educational requirements for licensure. The Committee directed staff to add this topic to the next Committee meeting agenda for further discussion and possible action.
- D. Discussion and possible recommendation to the full Board on the following:
- Ahmed Saeed Afifi Elsayed: Potential request for waiver. Application for P.G. license to see whether applicant meets the license requirements or if a waiver of education requirement is necessary for licensure. Applicant meets all the requirements for licensure, therefore, no waiver required.
  - JJ Hollingshead: Potential request for waiver. Application for P.G. license to see whether applicant meets the license requirements or if a waiver of education requirement is necessary for licensure. The Committee did not make a recommendation to the full Board regarding Mr. Hollingshead's request to waive the education requirement for licensure. In addition, the Committee determined that he is deficient in the qualifying work experience requirement for licensure. The Committee directed staff to send Mr. Hollingshead a letter with the Committees recommended options for completing all the requirements for licensure.
  - Michael Sorgenfrei: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology exam. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Sorgenfrei's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination for P.G. licensure.
  - Edward James Bucher: Applicant for P.G. license requesting a waiver of the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology exam. The Committee moved to recommend to the full Appointed Board Mr. Bucher's request to waive the ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology Examination for P.G. licensure.
- E. Exam Waiver Request Policy - Draft criteria for waiver requests for the ASBOG® Practice of Geology exam. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the proposed newly drafted criteria for waiver to the full Board for approval.

- F. Review of comments and recommendation to the full Board regarding adoption of new rule, 22 TAC 851.26, regarding agency implementation of revisions to Texas Occupations Code Chapter (TOC) 55, Licensing of Military Service Member, Military Veteran or Military Spouse. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the proposed new rule as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.
- G. Review of comments and recommendation to the full Board regarding adoption of amendment to 22 TAC 851.20 regarding Professional Geoscientist Licensing Requirements and Application Procedure relating to military service members, military spouses, and military veterans. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.
- H. Review of comments and recommendation to the full Board regarding adoption of amendments to clarify the definition and use of terms in TBPG rules, including the terms “Professional Geoscience” and “Professional Geoscience Services” throughout TBPG Rules in 22 TAC Chapters 850 and 851, including §§851.10 (30) and (31), and 850.62, 851.10, 851.20, 851.23, 851.29, 851.30, 851.101, 851.102, 851.104, 851.105, 851.106, 851.107, 851.108, 851.112, 851.152, 851.153, and 851.157. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the amendment as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.
- I. Review of comments and recommendation to the full Board regarding adoption of amendment to 22 TAC §851.32 regarding reasons a licensee may be considered exempt from the professional development educational requirements. The Committee unanimously moved to recommend the proposed new rule as published in the Texas Register to the full Board for adoption.
- J. Report on status of changes to the administration of the Texas Geophysics Examination was given by Member Krenz-Doe and Executive Director Charles Horton.
- K. Review of TBPG’s recent reciprocity agreement requests. An overview of TBPG’s recent reciprocity requests were presented to the Committee. The Committee encouraged staff to continue efforts in obtaining agreements from other states.
- L. Review and update of applicable Frequently Asked Questions on TBPG website. The FAQ’s were approved with edits for posting to the website.
- M. Report on Licensing Data, exam statistics, and associated equilibrium number. The licensing data, exam statistics, and equilibrium number data were presented.
- N. Date and agenda items for next meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2016.
  - Agenda Item: TEEX Training coursework
- O. The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.